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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE'S CEASE AND DESIST ORDER ISSUED TO DEREK GABRIEL BECOMES FINAL**

**Atlanta, Georgia** - On March 6, 2007, a Cease and Desist Order issued by the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance ("Department") to Derek Gabriel of Marietta, Georgia, became final.

This Cease and Desist Order was issued to Mr. Gabriel by the Department for misrepresenting or concealing information concerning mortgage transactions, as well as engaging in a course of business not in good faith; failing to account for loan files; transacting business with a person who is unlicensed and unregistered, not exempt from licensing and registration requirements and who is not an employee of a mortgage broker or lender; and failing to properly maintain a mortgage loan transaction journal.

Pursuant to state law, the Department may revoke the license of a mortgage broker or lender that employs an individual against whom a final Cease and Desist Order has been issued within the preceding three years if the Order resulted from misrepresentations being made in loan applications

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The Department has regulatory and/or licensing authority over state-chartered banks, credit unions, trust companies, mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, mortgage processors, check cashers, sale of check companies, money transmitters, international banking organizations and bank holding companies conducting business in the state of Georgia. The Department currently supervises approximately 290 banks and 67 credit unions with assets over \$250 billion. The Department also licenses over 3,200 mortgage lenders, brokers and processors and over 800 check cashers, sale of check companies and money transmitters.

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